

POPULATION TRENDS IN WISCONSIN: 2000-2001

The state of Wisconsin continued to experience strong growth between April 1, 2000 and January 1, 2001. Wisconsin gained nearly 37,000 residents during that time. The state's estimated population for January 1, 2001 was 5,400,449—an increase of 0.69 percent.

There continues to be four strong areas of growth in the state—the Fox Valley, far Western Wisconsin bordering the Twin Cities, Dane County, and Southeastern Wisconsin. Dane County had the largest numeric growth—5,289 residents. Waukesha County had the second largest numeric increase—2,804 residents. St. Croix County showed the largest percentage change—an increase of 2.53 percent while Calumet County had the second fastest percentage change—an increase of 2.08 percent. In addition, Brown County added 2,039 persons during the same time.

Milwaukee County was the only county showing an absolute decline from the 2000 Census: minus 0.03 percent or a decline of 245 persons.

The suburban counties in the Milwaukee area (Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha) grew by 0.81 percent. Combined with Milwaukee County, the Milwaukee Metro area increased its population 0.29 percent between April 1, 2000 and January 1, 2001.

Metropolitan counties grew slower than did non-metropolitan counties. Metro counties gained population at a combined rate of 0.65 percent, while non-metro counties increased 0.76 percent.

Wisconsin's eight university counties grew 1.04 percent. At the same time, manufacturing counties grew 0.64 percent, recreational counties gained 0.87 percent and agricultural counties grew 0.74 percent.

Of the largest municipalities, those with 10,000 or more residents, the City of Madison had the largest numeric change with 2,323 additional residents. In contrast, the City of Milwaukee lost 1,466 residents during that time.

Of the largest municipalities, those with 10,000 or more residents, the City of Sun Prairie had the fastest rate of growth—3.16 percent. Other municipalities experiencing 2 percent or faster growth includes: City of Oak Creek, Town of Bellevue, City of Franklin, Village of Howard, and the Village of Pleasant Prairie.